PATROL DISPATCHER

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Receives emergency calls from the public requesting police, fire, medical or other emergency services. Determines the nature and location of the emergency; determine priorities, and dispatch emergency units as necessary and in accordance with established procedures. Receives and processes 911 emergency calls. Monitors direct emergency alarms, answers non-emergency calls for assistance. Enters, updates, and retrieves information from a variety of computer systems. Receives requests for information regarding vehicle registration, driving records and warrants, and provides pertinent data. Operates a variety of communications equipment, including radio consoles, telephones and computer systems.

EDUCATION

High School diploma or equivalent. (Must be 18 years of age or older and maintain a telephone at residence.)

TRAINING/SKILLS

- 1. The ability to use immediate independent judgment involving emergency situations.
- 2. Ability to orally communicate with people effectively.
- 3. Must successfully complete an extensive training program; obtain required certification courses, some of which may require some travel.
- Must successfully pass a background investigation consisting of criminal history, employment record, polygraph and other information pertaining to suitability with the department.
- 5. Must possess excellent keyboarding skills, ability to multi-task, and utilize several computers at once.
- 6. Knowledge of communications center radios, computers, telephones, IDACS system, the RMS System, and other computer software as assigned.
- 7. Knowledge of streets and alleys in the city and working knowledge of street and highway layout of surrounding area.
- 8. Working knowledge of social service agencies, business, education, civic, and social organizations in the community.
- 9. Must be able to handle both fast-paced, high-stress situations that require quick decisions that can be followed by periods of extreme downtime.
- 10. Ability to keep confidential various aspects of job information.

HOURS

Regular Full-Time, 12-hour shifts

Willingness and/or ability to work nights, holidays and weekends

BIWEEKLY SALARY

\$1,242.61 - Beginning

\$1,357.33 - After successful completion of one year

LOCATION

Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department 2640 Duncan Road, Lafayette

APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR TESTING WILL BE CHARGED AN \$18.00 FEE TO COVER THE COST OF A WRITTEN STANDARDIZED TEST.